

HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ASHLEY DEAN HEAVEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOEING COMMERCIAL AIRPLANES,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01047-RAJ

ORDER DENYING
MOTION TO SEAL

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's motion to seal. Dkt. # 3.
Plaintiff requests that the Court seal the case entirely.


"Historically, courts have recognized a 'general right to inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records and documents.'" *Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting *Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 & n.7 (1978)). Accordingly, when considering a sealing request, "a strong presumption in favor of access is the starting point." *Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted).

Generally, two standards govern the sealing of court records. *Pintos v. Pac. Creditors Ass'n*, 605 F.3d 665, 678 (9th Cir. 2010). A "compelling reasons" standard applies to most judicial records, including those attached to dispositive motions. *Id.*; see also *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d at 1179. On the other hand, a "good cause" standard applies to nondispositive motions. *Pintos*, 605 F.3d at 678.

1 Plaintiff's sealing motion, measuring just one sentence long, does not attempt to
2 meet either the compelling reasons or good cause standard. And, on this record, the
3 Court finds no reason to seal the court records under either.

4 For the reasons stated above, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's motion to seal.
5 Dkt. # 3. The Clerk is directed to unseal the docket in this matter.

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7 DATED this 8th day of December, 2021.

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9 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
10 United States District Judge
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